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Conservation Commission Minutes 01/08/2009

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Ezra Benjamin and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Brian Thomas, applying for Associate membership, was also in attendance. William O'Rourke and Ellen Reed of the Commission were not in attendance. Jane Howard and Bill Eykamp were in attendance, as was Jim Doherty.

7:45 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Mr. Benjamin went to the Clerk's Office and was sworn in to become a full member of the Commission.

Benjamin/Tirone motioned to approve the 12/18 minutes with minor edits; motion passed unanimously.

8pm - WORKING SESSION - 46 Pond St

Ms. Beckwith discussed the issue of parking on this oddly shaped lot. The owner wants to move the curb cut to the western boundary of the property. The Commission agreed that this would require a permit amendment.

8:15pm - WORKING SESSION - 0 Spy Pond Parkway

Mr. Doherty asked for direction on how to proceed with the approval of his stormwater infiltration system required by the Town Engineer to comply with the new Stormwater Bylaw. He is proposing to install infiltration chambers underneath the lawn which will be within the 100 foot Buffer Zone of Spy Pond. During the excavation for the foundation, the water table occurred at 8-9 feet below grade. The system will consist of three chambers, 15 feet by 20 feet. The ice house foundations run through this area.

The erosion control line of strawbales and fabric will need to be relocated at the 25 foot line to allow for the work in the outer Buffer Zone. Ms. Beckwith will go to the site to mark the trees that can be cut with new flagging. The final stormwater design will be approved by Mike Rademacher, Town Engineer.

The Commission will issue a letter of approval for this minor plan change.

White/Benjamin motioned to issue a letter of approval for this additional work; motion passed unanimously.

8:45pm WORKING SESSION - water body fund

Ms. Howard and Mr. Eykamp asked for the Commission to cosponsor a warrant article supporting new funds going to the water body management account previously approved. The current funds will be depleted with the weed treatment in Spy Pond.

Benjamin/Tirone motioned to cosponsor the warrant article; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

The Alewife Greenway (DEP File No. 91-200) hearing will continue on March 5, 2009.

The Minuteman bikeway was plowed, sanded and salted near the T. When the plowing was approved, the Commission asked that no salt or sand be used near wetlands/waterways near the path.

The Green Dog proposal is continuing and one proposal is for a dog park at McClennan park near, in one of two locations.

The Commission is considering amending the Conservation Land regulations, both Mr. Tirone and Mr. White will draft revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator